

Your Sophomore Advising Checklist

2016-2017

<p>SOPHOMORE PRIORITIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Declare your MAJOR <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate your STUDY ABROAD options <input type="checkbox"/> Assess your possibilities for SUMMER INTERNSHIPS, RESEARCH or EMPLOYMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Explore possibilities for CIVIC involvement: ENGAGE THE WORLD!
<p>EACH SEMESTER</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss your broader INTERESTS and GOALS with faculty, friends, family and advisors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do your intellectual interests mesh with your professional and civic concerns? • What resources (people, programs, initiatives, facilities) on campus will be most useful to you? • What has your Dickinson experience meant to you so far? What have you discovered about yourself? What's next? <input type="checkbox"/> Run a DEGREE EVALUATION from Banner Self Service <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your ACADEMIC ADVISOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange an appointment at least TWO WEEKS BEFORE the Course Request period • In the Fall, the course request period starts OCT 31 (remember that you will need to get your alternate PIN from your advisor) • In the Spring, it starts MARCH 27 <input type="checkbox"/> Select COURSES for next term <input type="checkbox"/> Register for courses on time! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you don't you'll have fewer choices • And in the Spring you'll be blocked from the housing lottery.
<p>MAJOR DECLARATION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take at least one course in each prospective department <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss your thoughts with your ACADEMIC ADVISOR and a CAREER COUNSELOR

<p>MAJOR DECLARATION (CONT'D)</p>	<p>Arrange appointments with FACULTY in prospective departments Talk with CURRENT STUDENTS in the major Contact ALUMNI about their majors Utilize ADVISING MONTH to gather information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCTOBER in the Fall • MARCH in the Spring • Attend the ACADEMIC OPEN HOUSE <p>Use the Career Center's FOCUS II and MBTI evaluations to help you match your interests and personality. Submit your MAJOR DECLARATION FORM with all the required signatures in hard copy to the Registrar's office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must declare a major to STUDY ABROAD • Most students declare by the middle of the SPRING semester • If you don't declare a major as a sophomore, you won't be able to register as a JUNIOR!
<p>STUDY ABROAD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss intellectual interests and program possibilities with your ACADEMIC ADVISOR <input type="checkbox"/> Investigate options with the GLOBAL EDUCATION STAFF <input type="checkbox"/> Explore connections between STUDY ABROAD, POSSIBLE MAJORS, and CAREER INTERESTS <input type="checkbox"/> Ask current seniors about their THESES or RESEARCH PROJECTS <input type="checkbox"/> Attend research SHOWCASES and SYMPOSIA <input type="checkbox"/> Focus on "WHAT" as much as "WHERE" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most programs have deadlines in early September or early February!
<p>INTERNSHIPS & RESEARCH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Think STRATEGICALLY about your intellectual interests and career possibilities <input type="checkbox"/> Build relationships with appropriate FACULTY

<p>INTERNSHIPS & RESEARCH (CONT'D)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss successful research projects with current STUDENTS, MENTORS, PROFESSORS and ALUMNI <input type="checkbox"/> Make an appointment with a CAREER COUNSELOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's never too late, but EARLY is BETTER • Many competitive internship programs have deadlines in SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER! <input type="checkbox"/> Consider participating in the TRANSCRIPT NOTATION PROGRAM.
<p>FELLOWSHIPS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding students should explore options for FELLOWSHIPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some programs such as the UDALL (environmental studies) and the GOLDWATER (research in math or science) are specifically designed for sophomores • Other prestigious grants (like the FULLBRIGHT or the MARSHALL) involve long-range planning <input type="checkbox"/> Consult with your ACADEMIC ADVISOR or other FACULTY <input type="checkbox"/> Contact the Dean of Academic Advising for guidance and information.